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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: November 19, 2008
Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Rm. 233
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 3

Members Present: Sen. Connie Lawson, Chairwoman; Rep. Vanessa Summers; Rebecca Bickel; Joel Hand for Sue Ellen Reed; Steve Wolff for Nathan Feltman; Brian Carnes for Judith A. Monroe; Melanie Brizzi for Zach Main.

Members Absent: Sen. Connie Sipes; Rep. Jackie Walorski; Kelly Christy; Tracie Wells; James L. Greeson; Teresa Voors.

Chairwoman Connie Lawson called the meeting to order at 10:16 A.M. She explained the procedure that she would follow for review of the final report, noting that a motion for adoption of the final report could not be entertained unless a quorum was attained. [A quorum was attained shortly after this statement was made.]

Chairwoman Lawson provided direction in the Committee's review of the report. She directed the Committee to the Committee "Findings and Recommendations" on page three of the report, explaining that the proposed recommendations were developed to reflect the Committee's work during the interim. She read each finding and recommendation and requested comments, questions, or changes from the members.

Ms. Melanie Brizzi added that more than 730 child care providers are now participating in the Paths to Quality program (PTQ), which is above FSSA's projections. She stated that completion of the expansion of PTQ across the state will occur by the beginning of 2009.

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Chairwoman Lawson confirmed with Brian Carnes, representing the State Department of Health (ISDH), that the ISDH plans to re-apply for grant funding for the "Sunny Start" program. She stated that funding should be made available for the recommendations made in the Committee final report and that no new program development expenditures would be necessary from a new grant.

Representative Summers asked if the Committee had received anything in writing from the City of Evansville concerning implementation of the early childhood development work that is reflected in the final report. Chairwoman Lawson noted the handouts provided by those testifying concerned the work in Evansville. She also shared with the members that Senators Deig and Becker have expressed a desire to pursue legislation regarding early childhood development opportunities based on the work in Evansville. Chairwoman Lawson stated that the Committee would likely discuss the directives from any such legislation during the 2009 interim.

Hearing no further comments about the final report, Chairwoman Lawson asked for a motion to adopt the final report as drafted. A motion was made and seconded. The Committee adopted the report as a whole by voice vote, there being seven ayes and zero nays.

Chairwoman Lawson explained that her intent for the 2008 interim, with respect to the Committee's work, was to provide new members with a foundation of information concerning the issues faced by the Committee. She noted an Issue Brief handout concerning child care policies (refer to Exhibit A) and encouraged the members to read the handout for additional foundational information concerning child care. She expressed her hope that a new focus by the Committee on economic development as it relates to child care in Indiana will result in future progress toward the Committee's purpose and any necessary legislation to accomplish that purpose.

With no further business before the Committee, Chairwoman Lawson adjourned the meeting at 10:28 A.M.